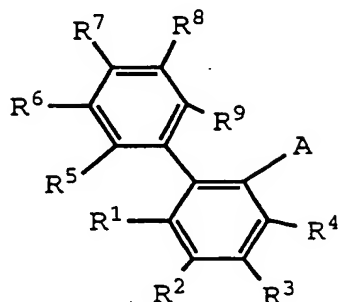


What is claimed is:

1. A compound of Formula I



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wherein A is selected from aryl and heteroaryl, wherein A is optionally substituted with one or more radicals selected from alkyl, halo, alkoxy, alkylthio, cyano, haloalkyl, amino, alkylamino, carboxyl, haloalkoxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxyl and mercapto; wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> through R<sup>4</sup> is independently selected from hydrido, halo, and alkoxy; and wherein each of R<sup>5</sup> through R<sup>9</sup> is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, halo, alkoxy, alkylthio, cyano, haloalkyl, amino, alkylamino, haloalkoxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxyl, mercapto, aminosulfonyl and alkylsulfonyl; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

2. Compound of Claim 1 wherein A is selected from phenyl, naphthyl, 5-membered heteroaryl and 6-membered heteroaryl, wherein A is optionally substituted with one or more radicals selected from lower alkyl, halo, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, cyano, lower haloalkyl, amino, lower alkylamino, lower dialkylamino, lower haloalkoxy, lower hydroxyalkyl, lower alkoxyalkyl, hydroxyl and mercapto; wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> through R<sup>4</sup> is independently selected from hydrido and halo; or wherein R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> together form -O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>O-; wherein n is 1 or 2, inclusive; and wherein each of R<sup>5</sup> through R<sup>9</sup> is independently selected from hydrido, lower alkyl, halo,

lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, cyano, lower haloalkyl, amino, lower alkylamino, lower dialkylamino, lower haloalkoxy, lower hydroxyalkyl, lower alkoxyalkyl, hydroxyl, mercapto, aminosulfonyl and lower  
5 alkylsulfonyl; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

3. Compound of Claim 2 wherein A is selected from phenyl, naphthyl, 5-membered heteroaryl and 6-membered  
10 heteroaryl, wherein A is optionally substituted with one or more radicals selected from lower alkyl, halo, lower alkoxy, lower haloalkyl and lower dialkylamino; wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> through R<sup>4</sup> is independently selected from hydrido and halo; or wherein R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> together form  
15 -O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>O-; wherein n is 1 or 2, inclusive; wherein each of R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> is hydrido; and wherein R<sup>7</sup> is selected from aminosulfonyl and lower alkylsulfonyl; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

20 4. Compound of Claim 3 wherein A is selected from phenyl, naphthyl, 5-membered heteroaryl and 6-membered heteroaryl, wherein A is optionally substituted with one or more radicals selected from lower alkyl, halo, lower alkoxy, lower haloalkyl and lower dialkylamino; wherein  
25 each of R<sup>1</sup> through R<sup>4</sup> is independently selected from hydrido and halo; or wherein R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> together form -OCH<sub>2</sub>O-; and wherein R<sup>7</sup> is aminosulfonyl; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

30 5. Compound of Claim 4 wherein A is selected from phenyl, thienyl, furyl, pyrazolyl, pyrrolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, isothiazolyl, triazolyl and pyridyl, wherein A is optionally substituted with one or more radicals selected from methyl, ethyl, fluoro,  
35 chloro, bromo, methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, n-butoxy, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, fluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, difluorochloromethyl, trifluoromethyl,

dichloroethyl, dichlorofluoromethyl, chloromethyl, dichloromethyl, trichloromethyl, pentafluoroethyl, heptafluoropropyl, difluoroethyl, difluoropropyl, dichloropropyl, N-ethyl-N-methylamino, N,N-dimethylamino and N,N-diethylamino; wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> through R<sup>4</sup> is independently selected from hydrido, fluoro, chloro and bromo; or wherein R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> together form -OCH<sub>2</sub>O-; wherein R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> are hydrido; and wherein R<sup>7</sup> is aminosulfonyl; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

6. Compound of Claim 5 selected from compounds, and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, of the group consisting of

- 15 4-[2-(4-methylphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[2-(3-fluoro-4-methylphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[2-(3-chloro-4-methylphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
20 4-[2-(3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[2-(3-chloro-4-methoxyphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[2-(4-fluorophenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
25 4-[2-(3,4-difluorophenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[2-(3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[2-(4-chlorophenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[2-(4-chloro-3-fluorophenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
30 4-[2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[2-(3-fluoro-4-trifluoromethylphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[2-(3-chloro-4-trifluoromethylphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
35 4-[2-[4-(N,N-dimethylamino)phenyl]phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;

- 4-[2-[3-fluoro-4-(N,N-dimethylamino)phenyl]phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[2-[3-chloro-4-(N,N-dimethylamino)phenyl]phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
5 4-[6-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[6-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[6-(3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl]benzenesulfonamide;  
10 4-[6-[4-(N,N-dimethylamino)phenyl]-1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[6-[4-(N,N-dimethylamino)-3-fluorophenyl]-1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl]benzenesulfonamide;  
15 4-[6-[3-chloro-4-(N,N-dimethylamino)phenyl]-1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[6-(3,5-difluoro-4-methylphenyl)-1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[6-(3,5-dichloro-4-methylphenyl)-1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl]benzenesulfonamide;  
20 4-[6-(3,5-difluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[6-(3,5-dichloro-4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl]benzenesulfonamide;  
25 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(4-methylphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(3-fluoro-4-methylphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[2-(3-chloro-4-methylphenyl)-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
30 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
35 4-[2-(3-chloro-4-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide;

- 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(4-fluorophenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(3,4-difluorophenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
5 4-[2-(3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(4-fluoro-3-methylphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(4-fluoro-3-methoxyphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
10 4-[2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[2-(4-chloro-3-methylphenyl)-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
15 4-[2-(4-chloro-3-fluorophenyl)-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[2-(4-chloro-3-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
20 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(4-methoxy-3-methylphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
25 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-[4-(N,N-dimethylamino)phenyl]phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[4,5-difluoro-2-[4-(N,N-dimethylamino)-3-methylphenyl]phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[4,5-difluoro-2-[4-(N,N-dimethylamino)-3-fluorophenyl]phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
30 4-[2-[3-chloro-4-(N,N-dimethylamino)phenyl]-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[4,5-difluoro-2-[4-(N,N-dimethylamino)-3-methoxyphenyl]phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
35 4-[2-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide;

- 4-[2-(2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-yl)-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(5-methylpyridin-2-yl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 5 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(6-methylpyridin-3-yl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(3,4,5-trimethylphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 10 4-[2-(3,5-dichloro-4-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(3,5-difluoro-4-methylphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 15 4-[2-(3,5-dichloro-4-methylphenyl)-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(3,5-dimethoxy-4-methylphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(3,5-dimethyl-4-methoxyphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 20 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(3,5-difluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[2-(3,5-dichloro-4-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 25 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(3,5-dimethyl-4-fluorophenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(3,4,5-trifluorophenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 30 4-[2-(3,5-dichloro-4-fluorophenyl)-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(3,5-dimethoxy-4-fluorophenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 35 4-[2-(4-chloro-3,5-dimethylphenyl)-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide;

- 4-[2-(4-chloro-3,5-difluorophenyl)-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(3,4,5-trichlorophenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 5 4-[2-(4-chloro-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-[3,5-dimethyl-4-(N,N-dimethylamino)phenyl]phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-[3,5-difluoro-4-(N,N-dimethylamino)phenyl]phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 10 4-[2-[3,5-dichloro-4-(N,N-dimethylamino)phenyl]-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-(4-methylphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 15 4-[2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-(3-fluoro-4-methylphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-(3-chloro-4-methylphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 20 4-[2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-(4-methoxy-3-methylphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-(3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 25 4-[2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-(3-chloro-4-methoxyphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-(4-fluorophenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 30 4-[2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-(4-fluoro-3-methylphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-(3,4-difluorophenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 35 4-[2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-(3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide; and

4-[2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-(4-fluoro-3-methoxyphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide.

7. Compound of Claim 5 selected from compounds,  
5 and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, of the group consisting of

- 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(4-fluoro-3-methylphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 10 4-[2-(4-chloro-3-methylphenyl)-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[2-(3,5-dichloro-4-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 15 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(4-methoxy-3-methylphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 20 4-[2-(2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-yl)-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(5-methylpyridin-2-yl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(6-methylpyridin-3-yl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 25 4-[2-(3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[2-(4-fluorophenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[2-(4-chlorophenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 30 4-[2-(3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[2-(3-chloro-4-methoxyphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 35 4-[2-(3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(4-fluorophenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;



- 4-[2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-(4-fluorophenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[2-(3-chloro-4-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
5 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[6-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(4-methylphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
10 4-[2-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide;  
4-[2-(3-chloro-4-methylphenyl)-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide; and  
15 4-[2-[3-chloro-4-(N,N-dimethylamino)phenyl]-4,5-difluorophenyl]benzenesulfonamide.

8. Compound of Claim 5 where the compound is 4-[4,5-difluoro-2-(3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide, or a  
20 pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

9. Compound of Claim 5 where the compound is 4-[2-(3-chloro-4-methoxyphenyl)phenyl]benzenesulfonamide, or  
25 a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

10. Compound of Claim 3 wherein A is selected from phenyl, naphthyl, 5-membered heteroaryl and 6-membered heteroaryl, wherein A is optionally substituted with one  
30 or more radicals selected from lower alkyl, halo, lower alkoxy, lower haloalkyl and lower dialkylamino; wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> through R<sup>4</sup> is independently selected from hydrido and halo; or wherein R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> together form -OCH<sub>2</sub>O-; and wherein R<sup>7</sup> is lower alkylsulfonyl; or a  
35 pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

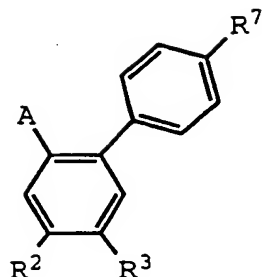
11. Compound of Claim 10 wherein A is selected from phenyl, thienyl, furyl, pyrazolyl, pyrrolyl, thiazolyl,

oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, isothiazolyl, triazolyl and pyridyl, wherein A is optionally substituted with one or more radicals selected from methyl, ethyl, fluoro, chloro, bromo, methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, n-butoxy, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, fluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, difluorochloromethyl, trifluoromethyl, dichloroethyl, dichlorofluoromethyl, chloromethyl, dichloromethyl, trichloromethyl, pentafluoroethyl, heptafluoropropyl, difluoroethyl, difluoropropyl, dichloropropyl, N-ethyl-N-methylamino, N,N-dimethylamino and N,N-diethylamino; wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> through R<sup>4</sup> is independently selected from hydrido, fluoro, chloro and bromo; or wherein R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> together form -OCH<sub>2</sub>O-; wherein R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> are hydrido; and wherein R<sup>7</sup> is methylsulfonyl; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

12. Compound of Claim 11 selected from compounds, and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, of the group consisting of

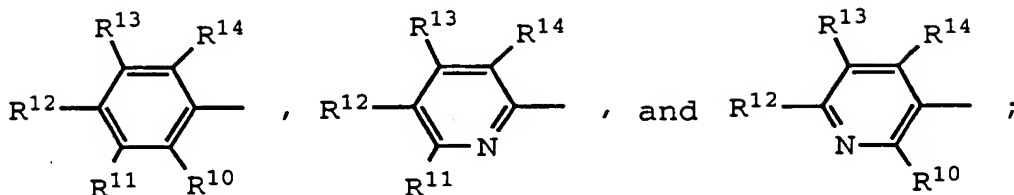
1,2-difluoro-4-(4-fluoro-3-methylphenyl)-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]benzene;  
4-(4-chloro-3-methylphenyl)-1,2-difluoro-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]benzene;  
1,2-difluoro-4-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]benzene;  
1,2-difluoro-4-(4-methoxy-3-methylphenyl)-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]benzene;  
1,2-difluoro-4-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]benzene;  
6-[4,5-difluoro-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin];  
1,2-dichloro-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]benzene;  
2-[4,5-difluoro-4'-(methylsulfonyl)-(1,1'-biphenyl)-2-yl]-5-methylpyridine;

- 5-[4,5-difluoro-4'-(methylsulfonyl)-(1,1'-biphenyl)-2-yl]-2-methylpyridine;  
1-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]benzene;  
1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]benzene;  
5 2-chloro-1-methoxy-4-[2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]phenyl]benzene;  
2-fluoro-1-methoxy-4-[2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]phenyl]benzene;  
2-chloro-1-fluoro-4-[2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]phenyl]benzene;  
10 5-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1,3-benzodioxole;  
1,2-difluoro-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]benzene;  
15 1,2-difluoro-4-(4-methylphenyl)-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]benzene;  
1-(3-chloro-4-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-difluoro-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]benzene;  
1,2-difluoro-4-(3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]benzene;  
20 1-(3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)-4,5-difluoro-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]benzene;  
1-(3,5-dichloro-4-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-difluoro-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]benzene;  
25 1-(3,5-difluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-difluoro-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]benzene;  
5-[4,5-difluoro-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]phenyl]-1,3-benzodioxole;  
1-(3-chloro-4-methylphenyl)-4,5-difluoro-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]benzene; and  
30 2-chloro-4-[4,5-difluoro-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]phenyl]-N,N-dimethylbenzeneamine.



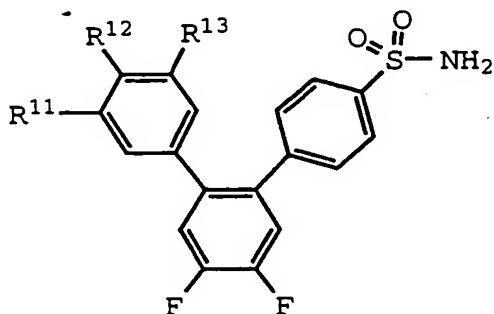
II

wherein A is selected from



wherein each of  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  is independently selected from hydrido and halo; or wherein  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  together form  $-OCH_2O-$ ; wherein each of  $R^{10}$  through  $R^{14}$  is independently selected from hydrido, lower alkyl, halo, lower alkoxy, lower haloalkyl, and lower dialkylamino; or wherein  $R^{11}$  and  $R^{12}$  together form  $-O(CH_2)_nO-$ ; wherein  $n$  is 1-2, inclusive; and wherein  $R^7$  is selected from lower alkylsulfonyl and aminosulfonyl; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

14. A compound of Formula III



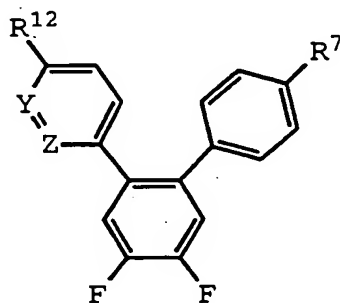
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wherein each of  $R^{11}$  through  $R^{13}$  is independently selected from hydrido, halo, lower alkoxy, lower haloalkyl, amino, lower alkylamino, lower dialkylamino, and lower haloalkoxy; or wherein  $R^{11}$  and  $R^{12}$  together

form  $-O(CH_2)_nO-$ ; wherein  $n$  is 1-2, inclusive; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

15. A compound of Formula IV

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IV

wherein Y is  $CR^{11}$  or N; wherein Z is  $CR^{10}$  or N; wherein each of  $R^{10}$  through  $R^{12}$  is independently selected from hydrido and lower alkyl; wherein  $R^7$  is aminosulfonyl or methylsulfonyl; provided one of Y and Z is N; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

16. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound, said compound selected from a family of compounds of Claim 1; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

17. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound, said compound selected from a family of compounds of Claim 2; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

18. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound, said compound selected from a family of compounds of Claim 3; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

19. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound, said compound selected from a family of compounds of Claim 4; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

20. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound, said compound selected from a family of compounds of Claim 5; 5 or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

21. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound, said compound selected from a family of compounds of Claim 6; 10 or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

22. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound, said compound selected from a family of compounds of Claim 7; 15 or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

23. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound, said compound selected from a family of compounds of Claim 8; 20 or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

24. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound, said compound selected from a family of compounds of Claim 9; 25 or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

25. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound, said compound selected from a family of compounds of Claim 30 10; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

26. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound, said compound selected from a family of compounds of Claim 35 11; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

27. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound, said compound selected from a family of compounds of Claim 12; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

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28. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound, said compound selected from a family of compounds of Claim 13; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

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29. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound, said compound selected from a family of compounds of Claim 14; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

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30. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound, said compound selected from a family of compounds of Claim 15; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

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31. A method of treating inflammation or an inflammation-associated disorder in a subject, said method comprising treating the subject having or susceptible to said disorder with a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound of Claim 1; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

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32. A method of treating inflammation or an inflammation-associated disorder in a subject, said method comprising treating the subject having or susceptible to said disorder with a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound of Claim 2; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

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33. A method of treating inflammation or an inflammation-associated disorder in a subject, said method comprising treating the subject having or

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susceptible to said disorder with a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound of Claim 3; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

5           34. A method of treating inflammation or an inflammation-associated disorder in a subject, said method comprising treating the subject having or susceptible to said disorder with a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound of Claim 4; or a  
10 pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

          35. A method of treating inflammation or an inflammation-associated disorder in a subject, said method comprising treating the subject having or  
15 susceptible to said disorder with a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound of Claim 5; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

          36. A method of treating inflammation or an inflammation-associated disorder in a subject, said method comprising treating the subject having or  
20 susceptible to said disorder with a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound of Claim 6; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.  
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          37. A method of treating inflammation or an inflammation-associated disorder in a subject, said method comprising treating the subject having or  
susceptible to said disorder with a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound of Claim 7; or a  
30 pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

          38. A method of treating inflammation or an inflammation-associated disorder in a subject, said  
35 method comprising treating the subject having or susceptible to said disorder with a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound of Claim 8; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.



39. A method of treating inflammation or an inflammation-associated disorder in a subject, said method comprising treating the subject having or susceptible to said disorder with a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound of Claim 9; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

40. A method of treating inflammation or an inflammation-associated disorder in a subject, said method comprising treating the subject having or susceptible to said disorder with a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound of Claim 10; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

41. A method of treating inflammation or an inflammation-associated disorder in a subject, said method comprising treating the subject having or susceptible to said disorder with a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound of Claim 11; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

42. A method of treating inflammation or an inflammation-associated disorder in a subject, said method comprising treating the subject having or susceptible to said disorder with a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound of Claim 12; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

43. A method of treating inflammation or an inflammation-associated disorder in a subject, said method comprising treating the subject having or susceptible to said disorder with a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound of Claim 13; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

44. A method of treating inflammation or an inflammation-associated disorder in a subject, said method comprising treating the subject having or

susceptible to said disorder with a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound of Claim 14; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

5           45. A method of treating inflammation or an inflammation-associated disorder in a subject, said method comprising treating the subject having or susceptible to said disorder with a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound of Claim 15; or a  
10 pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

          46. The method of Claim 31 for use in treatment of inflammation.

15           47. The method of Claim 31 for use in treatment of an inflammation-associated disorder.

          48. The method of Claim 47 wherein the inflammation-associated disorder is arthritis.  
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          49. The method of Claim 47 wherein the inflammation-associated disorder is pain.

          50. The method of Claim 47 wherein the  
25 inflammation-associated disorder is fever.